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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the Specificati	on of which	
	is attached hereto was filed on November as Application Serial No.	
	and was amended on	(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

PRIORITY CLAIM - NON-U.S. OR PCT PATENT APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f) or 35 U.S.C. 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or 35 U.S.C. 365(a) of any PCT international application listed below which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, and have also listed below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

APPLICATION	COUNTRY/	DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED	PRIORITY
NUMBER	CONVENTION		CLAIMED
PCT/IL2004/001036	PCT	11 NOVEMBER 2004	YES
IL158888	IL	16 NOVEMBER 2003	YES

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PRIORITY CLAIM - U.S. PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim priority benefits under 35, U.S.C. §119 of any U.S. Provisional Patent Application listed below that has been filed in the United States in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §119(e), or any U.S. Patent Application listed below that has been converted to a U.S. Provisional Application within one (1) year of its filing date:

APPLICATION

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PRIORITY CLAIM - U.S. PATENT APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. \$120 of any U.S. Patent Application listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any prior U.S. Patent Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. \$112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR \$1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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STATUS - PATENTED, PENDING. ABANDONED

DESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT

I hereby appoint Daniel J. Swirsky (Agent, Registration No. 45,148) and practitioners at Customer Number 24505 as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute the above-identified application and transact all business connected therewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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